

**PATENT**

**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: SMD-58-CON**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of: Peterson, et al.         | ) | Examiner: Jason L. Lazorcik |
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| Serial No.: 10/813,107                         | ) | Art Unit: 1791              |
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| Filed: March 30, 2004                          | ) | Deposit Acct. No.: 04-1403  |
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| Title: Process For Producing Smoking Articles) | ) | Customer ID: 22827          |
| With Reduced Ignition Proclivity               | ) |                             |
| Characteristics And Products Made              | ) | Conf. No.: 5544             |
| According to Same                              | ) |                             |

**LETTER**

Commissioner of Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants filed an amendment in conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination on November 17, 2009. The previously filed response includes the substance of the personal interview that was conducted with Examiner Lazorcik on November 16, 2009.

Enclosed with this communication is an Information Disclosure Statement that lists an article mentioned on the Examiner Interview Summary Record. Applicants do not in any way acquiesce that the article is prior art to the currently pending application.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy A. Cassidy", written over a horizontal line.

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